



MARINA PARK

NEWSLETTER

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Behind the Scenes of Marina Park: Laura Detweiler

Marina Park in Newport Beach enters the second phase of construction during its three-year process. Laura Detweiler, the Director of Recreation and Senior Services for the City of Newport Beach, serves as a member of the project team and is thrilled with the facility design. She describes how well the project is coming together and is eager for the final outcome for the community to soon enjoy. Detweiler states the project team has been hard at work to build a world-class facility on the Peninsula.



The features for Marina Park were ideas gathered from community input. Detweiler explains, "The community has been so instrumental in the process which will assure a successful outcome that will meet recreational and social needs for decades to come. She also mentioned, the park and facility objective was to provide an array of amenities all while providing for open space and a window to the bay. Detweiler pointed out that the park will include areas for fitness, leisure, beachfront access and open grass areas to play and take in the beautiful surroundings. Newport Beach residents will be able to enjoy the park, community center and sailing center that will feature a variety of programs tailored to fit the community's needs. Some of the exciting features include picturesque picnic areas, an imaginative playground, an outdoor fitness circuit, basketball courts, walking trails as well as a new short-stay public marina, featuring 23 boat slips. Detweiler excitedly points out, "There will be a sense of a place to gather and the opportunity for the community of Newport Beach to meet new people, learn new hobbies and enjoy all that the facilities have to offer." As if more could not be added to Marina Park, the promotion of health and

wellness will be readily available through programmed activities. "This can mean so many things to so many different people and were excited to start programming the facility," Detweiler added. Along with all of the park's great amenities, another bonus will be the incorporation of a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). This system will help promote environmental and human health by focusing on energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, materials selection, sustainable site development, and water savings. Detweiler states, "We are committed to

build quality facilities of the highest standards that meet LEED requirements, which continues to be a major focus for the City of Newport Beach."

With the project set to be completed by the Spring 2016, the community can look forward to a fun-filled celebration followed by years of fun and enriching experiences. When the park is complete, Detweiler and her team will lead the effort of managing and programming Marina Park to the highest standards possible. "Marina Park will be a magical place for the community to gather and enjoy their leisure time and reap the benefits of something they have worked so hard for," stated Detweiler.

Detweiler concludes, "The community is looking forward to the facility opening, all of the new programs to be offered, and a fresh window to the bay. It is exciting and special to work with the community and to be able to serve their needs. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and a tremendous accomplishment for the City of Newport Beach."

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Marina Park project encompasses a 10.5-acre site and involves new construction of a public park; a 24,000-square-foot Community and Sailing Center building; a 23-slip marina; a reconstructed 19th Street restroom building; a freestanding playground lighthouse feature; themed playground; outdoor fitness circuit; parking lots; and frontage street improvements.

The buildings in this project are designed to meet LEED Silver rating requirements.

The park will also be home to the new 6,100-square-foot Girl Scouts Leadership Center, which is being funded entirely by the Girl Scouts of Orange County.



A Groundbreaking Milestone

The February 11, 2014 Marina Park groundbreaking drew a crowd of more than 150 residents, business owners, Girl Scout board members, elected officials, and park enthusiasts. With lead off comments from City of Newport Beach City Manager, David Kiff, the microphone was handed over to Mayor Rush Hill. The long-awaited park had a moving speech from one of Orange County's own girl scouts.

Council members carried the day by letting the crowd know what the park and community center will mean to the area. The sweet tooth of the attendees were treated to the legendary Girl Scout cookies throughout the festivities.



The Newport Beach project team at the February 11, 2014 groundbreaking.



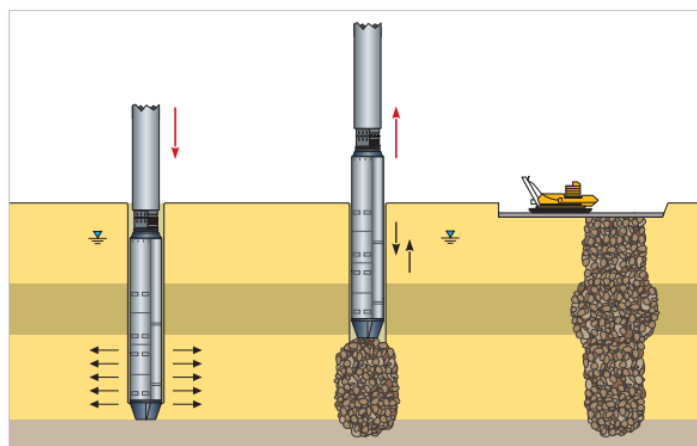
Marina Park Trees Relocated to Holding Area.

Current Construction Updates

- Mobile home removal and site demolition is complete.
- Marina construction is underway, specifically the installation of stone columns for soil densification. The Marina Park project sits on sand. Soil densification is done to prepare a stable sub-grade upon which the building foundations can be built, *graphic diagram below*.
- The existing trees, pending placement in the new park, were relocated and will be stored in a temporary tree holding area.
- The concrete sea wall construction of the marina is scheduled to begin in Spring 2014.
- Buildings and Site Development, the third of the four-phase program, is underway to 14 prequalify bidders for an anticipated start date of Summer 2014.

CONSTRUCTION ALERTS

- ★ The eastern portion of Bay Avenue beach, near the American Legion, will be closed for construction; the remainder of the beach is open to the public.
- ★ Boaters should be aware of heavy equipment sharing the waterway in front of the project site.



Installation of Stone Columns for Soil Densification.